

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT
PORT BYRON FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

United Methodist Church Mission: *The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

United Methodist Church Vision: *The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

Port Byron 1st UMC Mission: *The mission of the Port Byron First United Methodist Church is to center the congregation with God and Jesus Christ, to develop authentic relationships in a faithful community and communion of grace, and to honor God and all of Their creation.*

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Website: www.firstumcpb.org

Rev. Krey Leesman & Rev. Becky Butterfield

Sunday, October 19, 2025
The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP-**

We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

***OPENING HYMN:**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

TOTAL: \$2805.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to schedule an event at the church, contact Steph at 309-848-4050 or portbyronfirstumc@gmail.com. She will provide you with the building agreement, policies, and forms to book the date on the church calendar.

Steph's Office Hours: Wednesday 8am-12pm, Thursdays 8-10am

MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Immediate Food Pantry Needs* - The Upper Rock Island County Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church has immediate needs for Bath tissue, canned vegetables and fruit, canned pasta like SpaghettiOs, cake mix, syrup, boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, diced/canned tomatoes, condiments, instant potatoes, pasta/rice sides ***Be sure that your donations are within the "best by/best use" expiration date and that the item has not been opened. The food pantry cannot accept items that are expired.*** Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry!

MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Wish List for the Mission Welcome Kits*: The Mission Committee is preparing ongoing Welcome Kits for new residents at Whispering Hills. The following items are needed: shampoo, body soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, small laundry detergent, cleaning wipes, small all-purpose cleaner, single-roll paper towels, and a 4-pack of toilet paper. Thank you for your donations and support of this local mission!

Every Wednesday- GROW: a faith community for youth in grades 6-12. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Dinner is at 7:00 pm, and Discipleship Activities 7:30-8:30 pm.

Every Sunday-Discipleship Groups for PreK-12th Grade 9:30 am-10:15 am

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 19th-Kids Korner after the Children's Message with Ms. Sabra and Lauren!

Thursday, October 23rd – United Women in Faith will meet at 1:30 at the church. Bev Smith will give the program. All women of the church are invited.

Thursday, October 23-Sunday, October 26th-Pastor Becky on Clergy Team for the Women's Walk to Emmaus Weekend

Sunday, November 2nd – Daylight Savings Time Ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Sunday, November 2nd-All Saints Sunday-If you have a picture of a loved one who has passed away this past year, please bring it to church in a frame for this remembrance service.